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Harmful human
interaction calls
for intervention

Stockton’s Animal Lab helps
rehabilitate injured terrapins



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Melissa Laurino, professional services specialist IV at the Stockton Vivarium, gets ready to release Ms. August, a diamondback terrapin found last summer with a fish hook in her mouth, following a year of rehabilitation. Below, she places the terrapin on the shore.

By DAVID NAHAN
Sentinel staff

OCEAN CITY — It is human intervention when Stockton University’s Animal Lab steps in to help terrapins, but the lab is doing so only because it was human interaction that caused the creatures’ woes in the first place.

“The injured adult females that we get at Stockton University are the repercussions of anthropogenic interactions with humans,” said Melissa Laurino, professional services specialist IV at the Stockton Vivarium. “So we mitigate with some of those living terrapins that unfortunately fall victim. They already have enough stress struggles to survive out here in the wild.”

In more blunt language, she said the terrapins have been hit by vehicles or boat propellers or in other ways harmed by humans.

In the case of Ms. August, a terrapin so named because she was found in August 2024 on the 17th Street beach in Ocean City, it was a fish hook in the mouth that damaged her jaw. She also had damage to her shell from a suspected car or



boat strike. “We help our diamondback terrapins. We help rehabilitate them to get them back into the wild where they belong,” Laurino, an animal care specialist, said in late July.

That is when she, John Rokita, assistant supervisor of Academic Lab Services at Stockton Univer-

sity, and a small group of terrapin rescuers — including the Van Wingerden family who found Ms. August — gathered for her release into Beach Creek at the bay end of West 55th Street in Ocean City.

When Laurino gently placed

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Microchips provide data on habits, numbers, health

By DAVID NAHAN
Sentinel staff

STONE HARBOR — Before the Stockton University Animal Lab released a rehabilitated terrapin into the wild in late July, it was taken for a brief visit to the Wetlands Institute in Stone Harbor.

There, the terrapin dubbed Ms. August was fitted with a microchip.

“Microchipping allows us to track encounters of individual terrapins to learn about their behavior, growth and condition, and survival. Given their habitat and their habits, they are a tricky species to monitor, so the microchips are an important tool for gaining insights into terrapin populations,” said Lisa Ferguson, Ph.D.,

director of research and conservation at the Wetlands Institute.

On Aug. 2, 2024, Ocean City resident Rhonda Van Wingerden and her family found the turtle early in the morning on the 17th Street beach with a severe facial injury due to a fish hook, and took it to the Animal Lab where it was confirmed the injury was severe. But the terrapin could still move its lower jaw and had a good body weight despite having a hard time eating.

The terrapin, dubbed Ms. August because of when she was found, went through 11 months of rehab at Stockton before it was released back into a tiny waterway leading to the bay behind Ocean City. (See related story.)

“We microchipped this particular

terrapin, Ms. August, so we can have a record of her in our database and track other encounters with her as she hopefully thrives after return to the salt marsh,” Ferguson said. “This is a great chance to learn more about rehabilitated terrapins, which we know little about.”

She said the Wetlands Institute collected measurements of her body size and took photos for its database so her progress and condition can be monitored every time she is encountered again.

“Ms. August was extremely lucky to be found by Rhonda and her family, and to receive care from the knowledgeable and dedicated staff at

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Van Drew failed
to protect shore,
opponent claims

Congressman cites millions
he has secured for projects

By CRAIG D. SCHENCK
Sentinel staff

NORTHFIELD — With the imminent loss of millions in federal funding that has supported New Jersey’s beach restoration since 1996, congressional candidate Terri Reese of Northfield called on U.S. Rep. Jeff Van Drew (R-2nd) to stop dodging responsibility and start delivering for the people of coastal communities.

“Beach replenishment is not a luxury; it’s essential infrastructure for our economy, our environment and our safety,” Reese said. “And Jeff Van Drew has let us down as he allowed this necessary funding slip through the cracks, putting this all back on our state.”

Reese said it will be the first time since 1996 — when Van Drew was still a Democrat — that the funding has not been allocated.

“New Jersey’s 2nd Congressional District includes some of the most vulnerable and economically vital beach communities in the state — Ocean City, Wildwood, Cape May, Brigantine, Sea Isle City, Avalon, Stone Harbor and more. Yet Van Drew has responded with vague claims that funding will return in 2026, a political promise, not a federal commitment,” Reese said.

Van Drew said he expects the funding to be restored next year.

“I will always protect our Jersey shore. I’m fully aware of the situation, and frankly, it did not come as a surprise. I’ve been working closely with our towns, the Army Corps of Engineers, and the administration to ensure that beach replenishment projects along our coast are fully funded in FY26, and we fully expect that to happen,” he told the Sentinel via email. “It’s important to clear up some misinformation: no federal funding has been lost or cancelled. In fact, this budget includes \$16.5 million for resilience infrastructure on the Atlantic City beach, along with historic studies to increase the depth of the Maurice and Salem rivers, plus an additional \$10 million dedicated to dredging activities.”

Reese said Van Drew already has voted against infrastructure investments that would have directly supported southern New Jersey’s shore towns. In 2021, he was the only New Jersey member of Congress to vote against the INVEST in America Act, which included earmarked projects for the region such as:

- \$4 million for improvements to Ocean City’s stormwater and flood management systems
- \$2 million for flood-prone roads in Woodbine
- \$1 million for Cape

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Dozens show Rage
Against the Regime
at Ocean City rally

By CRAIG D. SCHENCK
Sentinel staff

OCEAN CITY — “People need an outlet for their rage,” Indivisible OCNJ co-leader Lorraine Kilpatrick said Aug. 2 as a couple of dozen people, most of them well past voting age, gathered on the Ocean City side of the Route 52 causeway.

“Indivisible OCNJ will once again stand with nationwide organizations to protest ongoing threats to civil and human rights and the rule of law. We must continue to peacefully voice our concerns on what is happening in Washington, D.C., and across the country,” a flier from the groups states.

The local protest was part of the national Rage against the Regime rally organized by the 50501 Movement against the policies of the Trump administration.

According to 50501, Aug. 2 marked a National Day of Action, uniting communities across the nation in a shared purpose.

“On this day, we come

together to transform anger into action, harnessing the energy of collective resistance. Our movement is rooted in non-violence, but it is far from passive,” according to the group’s website. “We stand strong, bold and unyielding, showing the world the irresistible force of communities united against injustice.”

Kilpatrick and Lou Stricoff, co-leaders of the local group Indivisible OCNJ, were handing out fliers and welcoming participants Saturday morning as the rally was about to start.

Asked what their grievances were, Kilpatrick said “the list is so long” and Stricoff added “and gets bigger every day.”

“The concentration camps, the Big Beautiful Bill that’s going to hurt our beach replenishment,” said Kilpatrick, of Sea Isle City.

“We have to be aware. Unless you’re a billionaire I don’t know why you would support that,” full-time Ocean City resident Stricoff said.

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A wit once said, "Some people have no respect for age unless it is in a bottle." Is a well aged bottle of wine really better than a young bottle of wine? The answer is, that depends! Generally speaking, most bottles of white wine are better when they are drunk within one to two years of the vintage date on the bottle. This applies to most of the popular white wines including Pinot Grigio, Chardonnay, and Sauvignon Blanc. Ageable white wines include many dessert wines like Sauterne, late harvest Rieslings, and ice wines. Some of the most prestigious and expensive Chardonnays, White Bordeaux, and White Burgundies will also change with age. However, it is safe to drink most white wines while they are young and full of freshness and fruit. When the subject is aging red wines, there is no easy rule of thumb. Most of the red wines that we drink every day are in no need of bottle aging. Generally, as a wine ages, the tannins will soften and the flavors will blend together nicely. However, winemakers understand that most bottles of wine are consumed within 24 hours of being purchased. So they make wines that are good when they are bottled and do not necessarily need additional aging. Short term aging will not harm most wines, but an older wine is not necessarily a better wine. For more help in deciding when to open that special bottle, stop by at Circle Liquor.



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By DAVID NAHAN
Sentinel staff

OCEAN CITY — For Taylor Mulford, being crowned Miss Ocean City 2025 has been about making connections.

She followed in the footsteps of her grandmother, retired Ocean City High School art teacher Ginny Mulford, who wore the crown years earlier.

"It meant being part of a legacy and becoming connected with the people of Ocean City," she said in late July, just a few weeks before she would crown her successor.

"It really meant a lot to me. It was a new chapter, a new era of my life, you could say. And it's just been amazing."

Miss Ocean City and her crown sisters, Little Miss Ocean City Taegen Vivarelli and Junior Miss Ocean City Sarah Smith, have spent the



David Nahan/SENTINEL

Miss Ocean City 2025 Taylor Mulford, 17, is from Upper Township.

past year as island ambassadors, attending scores of events on behalf of the city. They have judged Wacky Wednesday contests, taken part in pie-eating, and Taylor has sung the national anthem at multiple city functions.

"It really is connecting and meeting people. All the events are so much fun. Seeing the people really enjoy themselves and getting to meet so many kids is an awesome experience," she said.

Taylor, 17, is headed into her senior year at Ocean City High School. When she's not fulfilling her duties as Miss Ocean City, you can probably find her on a stage.

"I'm a theater kid," Taylor said with a big smile. She had performed in "Cinderella" this summer, the spring musical "Chicago" at OCHS, and she works at her mother's business, Let's Party Events, which brings different princesses to life for parties.

"I'm in character all of the time," she said. (When little girls saw her in a glit-

tery silver gown during a photo shoot on the boardwalk, they asked if she was Elsa from "Frozen.")

Taylor loves to express herself through acting and singing.

"I'm passionate about telling stories on stage and being able to act," she said. "Through songs you can really express different feelings, express yourself. I usually have a meaning behind them."

She would advise other young women to take part in the Miss Ocean City Pageant.

"It's fun. It's a confidence-builder. You get to really learn how to be yourself and find out who you are throughout all of it," she said. "You have to be yourself when talking to people and you learn new social skills."

Taylor said she appreciates all the support she has had throughout the year, including from her mom, Shawna Mulford, mayoral aide Michael Allegretto ("my best friend"), Mayor Jay Gillian, Agatha Becker

and photographers Kerri Janto and David Nahan.

When Taylor won the title last August, she started with a song from the musical "Smash." She can't wait to surprise the audience at this year's pageant, set for 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 9, at the Ocean City Music Pier, with her song selection before she turns the reins over to Miss Ocean City 2026.

It would be a good bet to see Taylor this coming year in another Ocean City High School Drama Guild production because that's where she sees her future. Her plans after high school include musical theater and acting in its various forms.

"It's just been a passion of mine since I was very, very young," Taylor said. "Between all of the Let's Party events and all of the shows I've been doing, it's been part of my life forever and I just want to continue it."

Safe to say, before this Upper Township teen walks the runway one final time as Miss Ocean City at the Music Pier, she'll provide another smash performance.

Eight to compete for Miss Ocean City 2026

Eight young women will compete Aug. 9 at the Music Pier for the title of Miss Ocean City 2026.



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Vincent Sciandra, owner of Spiral View Photo, talks with a potential customer Aug. 2 during the Boardwalk Art Show.

OCAC hosts Boardwalk Art Show

Organization’s signature event marks 62nd anniversary

By **CRAIG D. SCHENCK**
Sentinel staff

OCEAN CITY — Clouds, wind and rain turned Aug. 1 into a terrific day for the opening of the 62nd annual Boardwalk Art Show.

Artists from throughout the region and beyond were exhibiting and selling their works. The show featured fine art, including oils, acrylics, watercolors, drawings, mixed media and photography.

Participants reported having a great day for making connections and sales Friday despite the weather.

“It was really rainy, really windy,” artist Alexa Grugga said, noting it took her twice as long to set up. “I had to keep my tables in the middle because my prints were getting wet.”

The Pottstown, Pa., resident has been attending the show for years, selling beach- and nature-themed watercolor paintings and prints made from linoleum cuts. Grugga’s father lives in Oceanview and she has spent summers at the shore since childhood.

She said it was pretty misty Friday but “the beach taggers left at 12; nobody was on the beach, so it was a great shopping day.”

While Saturday was cloudy and breezy, several of the 57 vendors said the soggy first day set them up for a good weekend. The weather cooperated again Sunday, as the temperature hovered around 80 degrees, discouraging many from visiting the beach and instead strolling the boards.

Grugga was pleased with the first day.

“It makes the weekend go by nicely, so if I don’t do as good the next two days at least I know I had one good day,” she said.

Meredith Canaan and husband Alex brought daughters Anna, 10, and Maggie, newly 8, from Orlando, Fla., for a week-long visit. They were there Saturday to check out the show, stopping by to see the work of Gianna DiGiacomo.

“We’ve been here for the week but we came up today to see the art show,” she

said, noting she was heading back to a booth where she saw something she planned to buy.

DiGiacomo, from Chester Springs, Pa., had an eclectic mix.

“I like a little bit of everything; I don’t really commit to one them,” she said.

The full-time art teacher studied print-making and painting at Kutztown University.

She graduated in 2016

and enjoys acrylic and watercolor painting and print-making and has been attending the show since 2018, staying at their family house on the island.

DiGiacomo said the three-day show lends itself to success.

“Each day is a new day so if it’s not a good turnout, tomorrow’s a new day. That’s what I like about this show a lot is that you have the three days.”

The event is sponsored by the Ocean City Arts Center. “I’ve gone through half the artists down the north end of the festival and everybody was still pleased,” said Chase Jackson, executive director of the OCAC. “But a lot of people still sold

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Artist Christina Leone, left, with Ocean City Arts Center Executive Director Chase Jackson, OCAC board president Jack Devine and friend Max Rotundo. The OCAC bought one of Leone's pieces for its collection.

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because more people were out. They weren't on the beach so they were looking for real."

Jackson said the organization came together to hold the first event and has expanded well beyond the one show.

"It's the signature event that started the whole organization," she said. "This is how it all started."

Jackson said she was pleased with the number of artists, noting they used to have more but two years ago limited entries to fine arts, eliminating crafters and jewelers.

"It had gotten away from its original intent," Jackson said.

She said the numbers were about even with last year but "we could always use some more."

"We're between Seventh and 10th (streets), love to be Seventh to 11th if we could," she said.

Jackson said the OCAC keeps the entry fee low — \$150 for three days — because they know it's costly to get to Ocean City and stay on the island or nearby.

Jackson and Jack Devine, president of the OCAC board of directors, were at the booth of Christine Leone buying one of her



Artist Gianna DiGiacomo talks with Anna Canaan, 10, and sister Maggie, 8. Below, Heather Santry shops for art at Spiral View Photo.

pieces.

Leone, of Abington, Pa., was selling original oil paintings of landscaped, sunsets and open skies.

She said she always works from a photograph in the studio but takes liberties as she feels the need.

Leone, 27, attended the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts and it was her first time at the show.

Vincent Sciandra, of Harleysville, Pa., was selling photographs he takes from his trips around the country and world.

The owner of Spiral View Photo has visited all 50 states, multiple countries and just returned from shooting puffins in Nova Scotia.

"Me and my wife are travelers and I kind of do whatever's in the place where we're at," he said. "We do a lot of national parks, so I have lots of nature stuff."

Heather Santry of Wayne, Pa., was shopping for art for her shore house

"We hear there are a lot of really talented artists up



here," she said.

The celebration of the arts included the 24th annual Art of Surfing Festival on July 31 to Aug. 2 at the Ocean City Music Pier. The event features original surf-related artwork, locally shaped boards and a chance to meet artists from across the region, as well as classic surfboards, memorabilia and live music.

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Students tend plants, legacy of Helping Hands Garden

OCEAN CITY — Ocean City Primary School students are spending time in the garden this summer, growing a lifelong love of learning and legacy.

As part of the school's summer program, the students work in Mrs. H's Helping Hands Garden, tending to 28 beds and two composting boxes. The school garden is dedicated in memory of OCPS third-grade teacher and coach Mikenzie Helphenstine, who lost her battle with cancer in May 2022.

Helphenstine saw great opportunity in the garden and encouraged fellow teachers to help revive it from COVID-era neglect. She believed the garden would provide valuable lessons for students and nurture community connections, according to friend Sharon Naplagic, a third-grade OCPS teacher who runs the garden program.

Students continue to bring Helphenstine's vision to life while developing an interest in science and nature. The garden imparts valuable lessons about pollination, composting, photosynthesis, the parts of a plant and plant identification. The students also gain an understanding of how one person can make a lasting, positive effect on the world.

"The legacy of my friend and colleague, Mikenzie Helphenstine, quite simply lives on in each child's curiosity and joy," Naplagic said. "Mikenzie's nieces



Adriana Vogt, left, Tessa Lento, Henry Wheeldon and Justin Chen and teacher Sharon Naplagic sell produce they harvested from Mrs. H's Helping Hands Garden at the school.

and nephew are involved with the garden, and I like to think she looks down upon us with pride."

The students harvested strawberries, sweet peas, string beans, radishes, beets, zucchini, eggplant, cucumbers, tomatoes, peppers and carrots. They also have grown an assortment of herbs and flowers.

The garden continues to function as a living classroom in the fall, when sweet potatoes and pumpkins will be harvested.

Each week, the students take their bounty to the kitchen to create dishes such as zucchini chocolate chip muffins and zucchini pizza. Their harvest was large enough to recently hold OCPS' second annual produce sale, sharing their crops with the community.

"The Helping Hands Garden provides hands-on learning and real-life experiences," Naplagic said. "The children have a vested interest in the success of the garden and have a strong sense of ownership."

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Autumn has arrived for many bird species

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While humans — perhaps none more so than Cape May-area locals — track summer's conclusion with countdowns to Labor Day, migratory birds are keeping time with an entirely different system, one that incorporates length of daylight, sun angle, the weather and who knows what else. And they're pretty damn good at it.

Fall migration, or perhaps more accurately just south-bound migration, is a drawn-out affair in these parts, and that's part of its charm. Come the third week of June, as-tute observers might notice the first small flocks of glossy ibis winging their way past the lighthouse and across the bay toward Delaware; likely failed breeders that threw in the towel early.

By Independence Day, the first southbound sandpipers reclaim the low tide mudflats, fresh off an very short stay on their Arctic tundra breeding grounds.

And from there the whole thing snowballs, culminating in an all-out blitz that runs from mid-September to early November and includes not just millions of birds but also millions of butterflies, dragonflies, bats and really anything else with wings that has to go somewhere south for the winter.

By mid-December, the vast majority of these travelers are south of us, but some form of migration can continue well into January, especially when sudden snowstorms or cold snaps displace birds that thought they had arrived on wintering grounds to our north and west. "Fall" here actually spans half the year; pretty amazing.

I'm all too familiar with this months-long parade, as it's my job to keep track of it all. Since 2015, I've held the position of migration monitoring coordinator with New Jersey Audubon's Cape May Bird Observatory, and, as the title suggests, I oversee a whole lot of migration.

The work begins in August, continues until nearly the end of the year and is carried out across four different standardized field projects that systematically count migrants as they pass each location.

By the time this week's edition is on newsstands, our 2025 field season will be under way at Higbee Beach Wildlife Management Area. Here, overlooking the Cape May Canal, the observatory's Morning Flight count begins each year on Aug. 1.

"Morning flight" is a behavior assigned to many songbird species that, after migrating primarily at night, resume movements during the early morning hours in search of optimal stopover habitat — sort of the equivalent of finding the best interstate exit for a meal and hotel during a road trip.

A significant amount of pioneering work centered around



NATURE TALKS

By Tom Reed

this phenomenon has been carried out here since the 1980s, leading to a better understanding of the identification and distribution of the species involved, as well as helping to unravel the mysteries of what drives such movements in the first place.

Perhaps just as importantly, it also has inspired others to start similar projects in other parts of North America, which will help us learn even more. The Cape May influence is everywhere in the birding world.

The songbird count operates by itself until Sept. 1, when both the Cape May Hawkwatch and the Cape May Monarch Monitoring Project come online.

The hawkwatch has operated at Cape May Point State Park, across the parking lot from the lighthouse, since 1976. And if you're keeping score at home, that means this year will mark the 50th consecutive season of hawk counting here.

That's a pretty big deal, as Cape May's watch joins a very small club of count sites that have reached this milestone. The multi-level hawkwatch platform is also one of the most visited birding locations in the country, if not the world, with more than 30,000 visitors raising binoculars here each autumn. In the best seasons, more than 50,000 birds of prey comprising 15 or so species will migrate past this point.

If you're new to birding or just want to see what it's all about, this truly is the place. Interpretive naturalists from the bird observatory are on hand every day through Halloween, and the count itself runs until Nov. 30.

As for monarch butterflies, well, what's not to love? The orange-and-black beauties enjoy ever-increasing popularity in Cape May. It's hard to drive around town for more than 5 minutes without seeing a monarch magnet on the back of a car; each one sold helps support the work we do on the species here. That work includes counting monarchs (and dozens of other migratory insect species) as they migrate past the Cape May Point dunes,

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ANOTHER VIEW

By Alison Mitchell

Take a hike to N.J.'s spectacular waterfalls

Of the hundreds of fantastic outdoor places to visit in New Jersey, some of the prettiest are the state's waterfalls.

This state we're in is a watery peninsula, surrounded on one side by the Atlantic Ocean and on others by the Delaware River and Delaware Bay. Its interior is crossed by countless rivers, streams, creeks and brooks. And where there are waterways, there are often waterfalls.

Not surprisingly, most of New Jersey's waterfalls are found in the rugged, mountainous Highlands region in the northern part of the state. Some are only a short walk from roads and parking areas, while others require a longer hike. Here are some great ones to visit:

— **Paterson Great Falls:** This is the best known of New Jersey's waterfalls and one of the few located in an urban setting. Great Falls is the East Coast's second-largest waterfall, behind Niagara Falls, and is the centerpiece of the recently established Paterson Great Falls National Historic Park. The roaring waters of the 77-foot Great Falls once powered mills and industry in the "Silk City" founded by Alexander Hamilton, the country's first treasury secretary.

— **Buttermilk Falls:** Great Falls may be the state's largest, but Buttermilk Falls in the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area is the highest, at 200 feet. The falls, which cascade down a series of rocky ledges in the Kittatinny Mountains, are easily accessible, located only a few steps from a parking lot. After taking in Buttermilk from below, you can climb steps to the top for a gorgeous view.

— **Tillman Ravine:** If you're visiting Buttermilk Falls, check out Tillman Ravine at the same time. It's a beautiful natural area only about 3.5 miles away in Stokes State Forest. Hike through a shady hemlock forest to follow the Tillman Brook as it drops over falls and through flumes and chutes.

— **Chikahoki Falls and Otter Hole:** Norvin Green State Forest in Passaic County is known for its spectacular mountain views and the New York City skyline. Nearby Chikahoki Falls and Otter Hole are added attractions with water tumbling over boulders and rock formations.

— **Aphshawa Falls:** These smaller falls are a lovely part of a hike in the Aphshawa Preserve in West Milford that also features scenic overlooks, a former water supply reservoir nestled in a ring of mountains, a dam with cascading

water and the ruins of an old water purification system.

— **Greenbrook Falls:** Rocky cliffs towering over the Hudson River and waterfalls, too? That's what you'll find at the Greenbrook Sanctuary, a 165-acre woodland preserve on top of the Palisades in Tenafly and Alpine, Bergen County. The waterfalls can be seen from several overlooks above the Hudson.

— **Hemlock Falls:** The South Mountain Reservation is the largest park in Essex County's system — a green oasis in an urbanized area. It's an easy walk from the road to this beautiful 25-foot waterfall. If you're up for more of a challenge, you can hike around it on a loop trail.

— **Boonton Falls:** The Rockaway River cascades through Boonton and once provided power to the town's iron industry. Located just outside Boonton's downtown area, Grace Lord Park includes the large Boonton Falls, as well as a smaller waterfall.

— **Bridal Veil Falls:** Located just inside the grounds of William Paterson College in North Haledon, Bridal Veil Falls is located in an old sandstone quarry. A trail passes behind the falls, allowing visitors to stand in a cave behind the falling water.

— **Tinton Falls:** Tinton Falls, for which the Monmouth County town was named, is a small gem that can be viewed from a wooden overlook platform off Tinton Avenue. Tinton Falls once powered mills but is now a quiet spot that can be a refreshing change for vacationers looking to take a break from the beach.

A great time for a waterfall hike is a day or two after a heavy rainfall. Cascades that are merely pretty in dry weather can quickly become spectacular after a good soaking.

Rain that has fallen on the ground takes some time to reach streams and rivers, so the sun may be out and shining by the time waterfalls are at their peak.

Happy hiking. If you have a favorite New Jersey waterfall hike not listed here, let me know at info@njconservation.org.

Visit the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference website at nynjtc.org for more information, maps and detailed hike descriptions

Visit njconservation.org to learn more about preserving New Jersey's land and natural resources, including our waterways and waterfalls.

YOUR VIEWS

Hoping tax opens eyes to fund crisis

To the Editor:

I agree with Councilman Keith Hartzell that the current administration has been on a tax and spend venture, relying on yearly ratables to cover the growing spending and all in an effort to make up for a shortfall of management under years of Mayor Bud Knight.

Despite the intelligent counsel of Frank Donato over the years, we are truly at another crossroads. I've lived in Ocean City through boom and bust on the housing market, thinking this can't continue to happen. Yet,

here we are again.

However, I'm hoping the new tax will prompt more property owners to open their eyes to the potential financial disaster we face. Not to mention my 2025 tax increase just received.

We'll face an even greater crisis if the current federal administration pulls out of the beach replenishment program or even worsens the flood insurance program and FEMA.

Keep fighting for more fiscal responsibility. I can be happy with less services.

I wish the builders and real estate brokers did not have such a grip on this city.

Bob Forman
Ocean City

City needs to post rules for safety of bicyclists, pedestrians

To the Editor:

Rules need to be posted around town for the safety of car drivers and pedestrians. This is a list of suggestions for the many motor vehicle problems that we hear about:

— Vehicles with motors have

no reason to ever be on the Ocean City Boardwalk except for the three-wheeled handicap vehicles.

— There needs to be a guideline for bicycles. Should 26-inch bicycles be ridden on the sidewalks in Ocean City? Bikes

should always be on the right side going only one way. Small bikes should never be on the streets.

— People on bikes are not pedestrians.

Dan Bell
Ocean City

A LOOK BACK

By Karen Bruno

June 2nd

1935 – Boardwalk movie theaters featured some popular films of the day. "Doubting Thomas" starring Will Rogers and Mark of the Vampire starring Lionel Barrymore and Bela Lugosi were showing at the Moorlyn. Doughty's Village Theater featured Shirley Temple in "Our Little Girl" and Mae West in "Goin' to Town."

June 3rd

2015 – Atlantic City native Reese Palley (1922 – 2015) died in his sleep at the age of 93. Palley opened an art gallery outside the Marlborough-Blenheim Hotel in 1957. He went on to open galleries in San Francisco and Soho. In 1976, he purchased the Marlborough-Blenheim with a partner and later rented it to Bally Manufacturing.

Tide Tables: July 2025

Ocean City (9th Street Bridge)
(39.2833°N, 74.581735°W)
CONVERSION (High water/Low water add hours and minutes)
Sea Isle City (Ludlam Bridge) add 1:11/1:26 (high/low)
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Aug. 8, Friday	2:17	8:17	2:19	8:33
Aug. 9, Saturday	3:01	8:58	3:06	9:14
Aug. 10, Sunday	3:42	9:39	3:51	9:56
Aug. 11, Monday	4:22	10:22	4:36	10:39
Aug. 12, Tuesday	5:00	11:07	5:21	11:26
Aug. 13, Wednesday	5:40	11:56	6:09	----
Aug. 14, Thursday	6:23	12:16	7:05	12:47
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Aug. 17, Sunday	9:23	3:11	10:34	3:46
Aug. 18, Monday	10:31	4:23	11:37	4:56

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Beach Break

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SUNSHINE ANNOUNCEMENT
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Stockton Animal Lab helps rehabilitate terrapins

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Ms. August on the rocky and muddy side of the tiny creek, the terrapin quickly made her way to the water and even more quickly swam out of sight some 40 yards away where the creek turned into the tall plants in the marsh.

Rokita said Ms. August was brought to them Aug. 2, 2024. They removed the hook and applied antibiotics to keep the area from getting infected.

“And then it was a long battle of hand-feeding her because of her mouth injury,” he said, whether because of lack of hunger or pain from the injury.

“We were hand-feeding her every day until finally, maybe four or five months ago, she started eating on her own, thank God. And then she started eating like crazy and putting on all this weight,” Rokita said.

Ms. August was getting chopped fish and a pelleted turtle food, which was hard but that she was able to crunch with her mandibles in spite of her injury, he explained. That is important because terrapins’ favorite food is moampus snails, small snails in shells found in salt mashes.

“We figured if she could crunch this hard, pelleted food, she could also crunch snails,” he said.

Ms. August is a northern diamondback terrapin. Rokita said they weren’t sure of her exact age, but she is probably in the 15- to 20-year range. “They can live a very long time,” he said.

The terrapin rescue project was started in 1989 by Dr. Roger Wood, a retired zoologist from Stockton University.

“He saw the massacre every year on the shore community roadways where terrapins would get hit by the hundreds during nesting season,” Rokita said. “He came up with this idea that maybe the eggs could still be salvaged out of females versus going back to where they deposited their eggs.” (This is in case they were hit on the way to laying their eggs.)

Rokita explained it is a conservation effort to replace the injured females hit on the roadways. At Stockton they incubate the eggs at a higher temperature, 30 degrees celsius, rather than at 26

degrees celsius, because the eggs develop faster. He further explained that terrapin sex isn’t determined by genetics (“not chromosomal dependent like dogs, cats or people”) but by temperature.

The higher temperature helps them develop faster and produces only females because they’re the ones being hit.

Rescuing terrapins

The Diamondback Terrapin Rescue Project rehabilitates 500 to 1,000 terrapins each year.

Rokita and Laurino said they’re at it 365 days a year, including weekends and holidays.

“We don’t sleep there, but we’re there quite a bit,” Rokita said.

“It’s a lot of work, don’t get me wrong,” he aded.

That work includes changing pools to make their own brackish water to replicate the marsh environment.

“There’s a lot of dirty work that goes along with getting these guys healthy and back into the wild again, but we wouldn’t be there if we didn’t enjoy it.”

Not only does the project help save terrapins, but they use it as an educational tool for visits from students in kindergarten, who get to release terrapins, through college.

“It kind of brings home the message to slow down for terrapins,” Rokita said, “making youngsters very much aware of the terrapin issue from a very early age. As Melissa said, the majority of the terrapins we get are all brought to us somehow with a human-related problem.

“If they fall into a storm drain, that’s not natural. They get hit by a car, they get hit by a boat propeller, a fish hook — there’s always some sort of human connection.”

The two of them work at the vivarium at Stockton and provide hands-on experience for undergraduates and graduate students, some of whom may go on to veterinary school.

Rhonda Van Wingerden, whose family found the turtle and brought it to Stockton, thought it was interesting that a turtle that lives in the bay was found on a beach by the ocean. Before it was released, she took it to the Wetlands Institute to be microchipped.



Daivd Nahan/SENTINEL

Melissa Laurino, professional services specialist IV at the Stockton Vivarium, and John Rokita, assistant supervisor of Academic Lab Services at Stockton University, discuss the Diamondback Terrapin Rescue Project started by Dr. Roger Wood in 1989.

crochipped. (See related story.) Then her family handed it off to the Stockton duo.

“Their dedication is just amazing,” she said of the staff at the lab. “To think that something that if left there she would never have survived without the human intervention that they gave at Stockton. Just the patience to continue, even though at times the turtle was spitting food back out at them. They continue despite the challenges that they come across and despite the severity of her injury.”

If you find an injured terrapin

If someone finds an injured terrapin, they should call Rokita or Laurino at the Stockton vivarium at (609) 452-4581. (Ask for John or Melissa.)

They are at the vivarium seven days a week.

The first thing, according to Rokita, is get the terrapin out of harm’s way, whether it’s on a street or other location.

Until a person is able to transport it to Stockton, he recommends placing it in a well-ventilated cardboard box in a cool, shady spot, perhaps a garage.



Daivd Nahan/SENTINEL

Ms. August makes her way into the water and a return to the wild.

Microchips

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Stockton Turtle Lab,” she said.

Ferguson said the Wetlands Institute has been microchipping diamondback terrapins since 1997 when Dr. Roger Wood started the Terrapin Conservation Program.

“We have chipped thousands of terrapins in southern New Jersey and have

records of every subsequent encounter in our database. It is a simple and quick process, with the microchip inserted just below the surface of the skin just like our pets get. We use special readers to detect and read the unique identifier assigned to each chip and thus each terrapin.”

And, she added, “We still encounter terrapins tagged in 1997!”

Ferguson explained the Wetlands Institute terrapin work is done under New Jersey Fish and Wildlife Scientific Collected Permits and handled by trained and experienced staff.

Learn more about the Wetlands Institute online at wetlandsinstitute.org, by calling (609) 368-1211, or heading over there in person at 1075 Stone Harbor Blvd. in Stone Harbor.

Rage Against the Regime protest

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coff added of the budget bill.

The group’s flier state objections to the Trump administration such as unconstitutional power grabs, deportations without due process, inhumane detention centers like “Alligator Alcatraz,” cuts to Medicare and Medicaid and attacks on civil rights, bodily autonomy and programs families rely on to live.

Kilpatrick also cited “the lies, saying that the economy is great,” referencing the firing of Bureau of Labor Statistics Commissioner Erika McEntarfer after she released a jobs report that showed poor July employment growth and lower rates of hiring in May and June.

“We’re just angry. Everybody who comes here just says ‘thank you so much, you’re giving us hope,’” Kilpatrick said. “They can’t stay home and watch the news; this at least gets them out.”

“We’re against MAGA (Make America Great Again) policies. After the election, I was in shock, depressed and then I decided I’m going to do something about it,” said Stricoff, 75, referencing President Donald Trump’s victory over Kamala Harris



Craig D. Schenck/SENTINEL

Sueann Jeral of Ocean City, left, and Fran McCann of Galloway Township speak with Lou Stricoff of Indivisible OCNJ during the rally Saturday on the Route 52 causeway.

in November 2024.

Kilpatrick, 76, is chair of the Democratic Party in Sea Isle.

Hailing from the Flower Power generation, Stricoff agreed today’s leaders grew up in a time of great change.

“It is disappointing,” he said. “We were going to change the world and it’s gotten worse.”

“Women’s right, which was a big hallmark of the ’70s, that’s been taking a hit,” Stricoff said.

“Nobody has the right to tell me what to do with my body,” Kilpatrick added.

She said she is disappointed to learn of plans to put a detention camp at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst.

“I’m going to try to start something like a car caravan or bus to get up there and protest,” Kilpatrick said.

Janet Yunghans, 65, president of the Upper Township Democratic Club.

“We are very involved in the resistance movement. We are doing all we can to get Democratic candidates elected while supporting groups like Indivisible and 50501 in their effort to get the word out,” she said.

“I would like to help save democracy. We are now ruled by an authoritarian, or wannabe authoritarian, and we are losing many, many of our democratic institutions and a lot of people are losing their rights,” Yunghans said. “There are now concentration camps on American soil, they’ve cut funding to NPR and there are news organizations that are just toeing the line, and when you lose your news you lost the fourth estate and that’s essential to a thriving democracy.”

Fran McCann said she felt obligated to show up.

“For me, this is like a moral imperative. I have to do it for all the people who served our country in the past,” the Galloway Township resident said.



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Protesters hold signs at the Ninth Street entrance to Ocean City on Aug. 2. A couple of dozen people showed up to air their grievances with the administration of President Donald Trump.

Retired Ocean City Primary School teachers Teresita Doebley of Somers Point and Janet Romano of Egg Harbor Township were among those protesting.

“I really don’t like what’s going on in our country,” Doebley, 73, said. “People are losing their rights — women, immigrants. My dad was an immigrant.”

“We cannot stand idly by as American ideals continue to be threatened. We must fight for all Americans and the country we love,” according to Indivisible OCNJ. “This isn’t just about politics as usual, this is about the moral and ethical foundation our forefathers outlined in the Constitution. We will not and cannot stay silent, we must peacefully Rage against this Regime.”



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Janet Romano of Egg Harbor Township, left, and Teresita Doebley of Somers Point attend the rally.



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Lorraine Kilpatrick of Indivisible OCNJ leads a group on a march to the Visitors Center on the causeway.

SENTINEL SPORTS

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2025

Host patrol wins Margate Memorials on perfect night

By **CRAIG D. SCHENCK**
Sentinel staff

MARGATE — Zach Vasser arose from the surf, took a quick look around and then high-stepped it to the beach ahead of his 14 competitors to win the swim and help the host patrol secure victory during the 79th Margate World War II Memorial Lifeguard Races.

“It’s pretty calm and there’s a nice swell that is easy to catch for nice body surfing on the way in,” Vasser said.

It was his third straight win in the event Aug. 4.

“I felt good the whole way. Right past the break I pulled away a little bit but I had a pack with me the whole time,” he said, noting Charles Schreiner of Atlantic City and Dolan Grisbaum of Avalon were right on his heels. “I turned the flag first out there but they were really close. It’s always good having guys like that that I have grown up with close to me, pushing me. It gives me a little more motivation to go faster.”

The competition, which pitted 15 patrols from the South Jersey Lifeguard Chiefs Association against one another in a 1-mile doubles row, half-mile swim and 1,000-foot singles row, was postpone from Aug. 1 due to strong winds and heavy surf that made it too dangerous to compete.

The delay turned out to

benefit all as the conditions were perfect — small waves, a temperature in the low 80s with a light breeze beneath a cloudless sky.

The Margate City Beach Patrol’s Chris Spiers placed second in the singles row and he and Bob Bechtel took third in the opening doubles race to secure 12 points and the team win.

Spiers said he was unclear where he had placed in the singles row.

“Waves stacked up behind me luckily; I was in the right spot. Rowed away straight for the first time in a while,” he said.

Spiers said the event usually is decided by the singles row.

“I knew going in that Avalon was up there with the good swim, Atlantic City won, had a good swim. We had a third and won the swim,” he said.

The Avalon Beach Patrol was second with 9 points on the strength of a win in the singles row by Ryan Finnegan and second place in the swim by Ocean City High School graduate Dolan Grisbaum.

“I got a good — I’m notorious for catching good waves at the end,” Grisbaum said, noting it’s a little luck and a little skill. “I know how long to stay on the wave for and when to get up and when to keep going.”

New to ocean racing, OCBP rookie Dante Buonadonna took sixth in the



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A.J. Oves of the Ocean City Beach Patrol navigates through the surf to take fourth place in the singles race during the Margate World War II Memorial Lifeguard Races on Aug. 4. The Margate City Beach Patrol won the event with 12 points.

swim.

“That was the longest swim I think I’ve ever done, so that was pretty good. I was happy with how I went out. It was pretty busy getting out there and then coming in, was kind of a little bit all over the place,” the 19-year-old said. “I’ve never done any ocean swimming and I didn’t do distance swimming in college.”

The Atlantic City Beach Patrol was third, collecting 8 points from a win in

the doubles row by Vince Granese and Nick Guidara and third in the swim by Charles Schreiner.

“The first one we couldn’t get a lot out of but then one lined up for us and I knew that was the one that we had to catch and there was going to be another one behind it for everyone else,” Granese said. “I told Nick to just stay on the oars and I kind of hopped back just to keep us straight on it. If he stopped rowing we would have fallen off of it but he kept rowing, we dropped right in and that was it.”

Guidara, a graduate of Mainland Regional High School from Northfield, said it was a rower’s race.

“When it’s a slightly flatter ocean it favors more the cardio and just the grit that rowers have, and the ocean knowledge is huge too. That’s what makes ocean racing the best; you can come from any background and still be a good rower,” he said.

The Ocean City Beach Patrol finished with 2 points after A.J. Oves took fourth place in the close singles race in which any



Craig D. Schenck/SENTINEL

Zach Vasser of the Margate City Beach Patrol emerges from the ocean ahead of the pack to win the swim and help his patrol to the team title.

one of several rowers could have taken the win.

“I have to work on my flag runs a little bit,” Oves said, noting he was first or second but had a poor turn. “Everyone else was able

to spin it a little bit quicker than me. I lost a lot of speed there.”

Competitors were looking forward to the South Jersey Championship at 6:30 Aug. 8 in Avalon.



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The Ocean City Beach Patrol’s Matt Oves and Kevin O’Sullivan work their way through the breakers during the opening doubles row.



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Swimmers head out to sea during the second event at the competition, which was postponed from Aug. 1 due to strong winds and heavy surf that made it too dangerous to compete.



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Vince Granese and Nick Guidara of the Atlantic City Beach Patrol win the opening doubles row, helping the ACBP to third place with 8 points.

Carter takes two pin wins, fewest putts in O.C. Tuesday golf

By **TONY CHERBY**

BUENA VISTA TOWNSHIP — As the seasons change, whacking us periodically with all sorts of extreme conditions for some laughs and giggles, even more challenges are added to what is arguably, even under ideal conditions, the most challenging game on the planet.

This game has been described over the millennia in many ways. The old Scots were best at waxing poetic about its essence: “Oh, golf,” they’ve said, “is for smellin’ heather and cut grass and walkin’ fast across the countryside and feelin’ the wind and watchin’ the sun go down and seein’ yer friends hit good shots and hittin’ some yerself. It’s love and it’s feelin’ the splendor o’ this good world.” (M. Murphy, “Golf in the Kingdom”).

Others are less flowery: “No man in his right mind would ever play golf” (A. Cooke, “Golf”). Now, at my age, I identify best

with this one: “The older I get, the better I used to be” (L. Trevino). Take your pick.

Sure, all outdoor sports are different when Mother Nature is grumpy and decides to take it out on mere mortals. Like with rain and wind, and this week’s feel-like temps of 100 degrees or more.

But at least in football (both kinds) and baseball, players don’t have to struggle just to get their balls out of sweaty pockets. Not to mention the tees that settle down there, along with laundry lint and nasty, unidentifiable grit. And even in the heat, arthritic fingers scream bloody murder when called upon to rescue those things from sticky confines.

On the other hand, people who sport Bunsen burners and test tubes and such, whilst adorned with thick glasses and pocket protectors, do contend that the ball goes farther in high humidity and mind-numbing heat.

That always seemed counterintuitive to me, given all the yuck

up there where the ball is supposed to go. And what do scientists know, anyway?

In any case, on July 29, 15 shaky but intrepid old-timers ventured into what seemed like the Louisiana bayous of mid-August, and 15 made it back to the barn with all their parts working almost as good as when they got out of bed. One of them was a new member, Joe O’Neill. A big welcome, Joe.

This was the ninth round of our 18-week season, with four to go. (We scramble every fourth time.) Highlights included a return to his Low Gross winning ways, as Roger Probert fired an 83 headlined by birdies on 1 and 5.

Dave Carter also won two Closest to the Pin contests, draining both putts for birdies. That might be a league record; or it’ll do until one comes along. He has now “Hit for the Cycle,” he has a win on all the 3s. But Probert leads the pack with 5. And Ralph DeLanzo beat his own record by

a foot for closest all year on 17.

Frank Coppenbarger nailed a win on 5, his second of the year. But wait, we aren’t done with Carter. He also took Fewest Putts cash. Dave had quite a day in the soup and sun of late July.

Here are all match results: DeLanzo 4 Lapham 0; Hawthorne 2 Mayson 2; Brandreth 4 Ghost 0; Schultz 4 Ghost 0; Ghost 4 Baird 0; Gardner 4 Gahr 0; Probert 4 Coppenbarger 0; Carter 2 Wright 2. (The Ghosts finished 1-2-0)

The Most Points Race leaderboard saw some significant shifts. DeLanzo went from second to first. He has 22 dings in the hopper. Mayson (20) tied his match, taking him from third to second. Coppenbarger (19) fell from first to third thanks to a rare loss, this time to Probert who is now fourth (18). Hawthorne is in fifth place (17 points), followed by Wright and Curtis (16), then Lyons, Gardner and Ramsay (15). Just 7 points separate 10th place from first with four match-

es remaining and 16 points yet to be pocketed.

Visit ocstgl.golfleague3.net for complete standings for our Races to September. They include the “Big Four:” Most Points, Low Av Gross, Low Av Net, and Low Av Putts. We also vie for five single-day bests: Fewest Putts, and Pin Wins on the par 3s.

WEEKLY WINNERS

Low gross (83) Probert
Low Net (72) Schultz
Fewest Putts (30) Carter
Most Pars (7) DeLanzo,
Lapham, Schultz, Wright
Birdies Probert (1 and 5), Carter (8 and 12)

CLOSEST TO THE PIN

#5 Coppenbarger 14’ 2”
#8 Carter 6’ (made the putt)
#12 Carter 17’ 3” (made that one too)
#17 DeLanzo 4’ 1” (Closest YTD)

Standout performances amid heat at Brambley Golf League

By **THE HANDICAPPER V**

OCEAN CITY — Hot temperatures returned to heat up the competition in Week 12 of the Brambley Golf League at the Ocean City Municipal Golf Course.

Top honors for Overall Low Gross Score went once again to John McVerry, who shot an impressive 40. There was a tie for

Flight A Low Net between Carmine Bonanni and Mark Franks (34). Following closely behind was Chet Czerpak, who shot a Low Net of 35 to secure the Flight A Low Net third place.

Jim Downam shot a gross score of 44 to win the Low Gross for the Flight B Division. Low Net first place went to George McNally, who shot a 32. Second place went to Chris Devaney with a 35. There

was a tie for third between Len Mongo and Ted Jasinski (36).

In the Ladies Division, Mary Hughes re-emerged as the Low Gross winner with a 44. There was a tie for Low Net first place between JoAnna Johns and Merry Wagner, both shooting 33. Peg Interrante took third with a 36.

Senior Low Gross winner was Dave Phillips with a 42. Senior

Low Net first place went to Warren Hughes with a 33, followed by Fred Marcell with a 34. Jean Bush and John Petrycki both shot a 35 to take third.

John Master once again took the Closest to the Pin honor, landing 13 feet from the Pin on Hole 12.

Jim Downam chipped one in for a birdie on Hole 12. Czerpak, Dave Carter, Marcell, Franks and

Rich Hawthorne all had birdies.

Multiple Bramblers, including McVerry (40), Hawthorne (41), Franks and Phillips (42), Bonanni and Dave Carter (43), Downam and Hughes (44), Tom Bowman and Marcell (45), Czerpak (46), JoAnne Bonanni, Jean Bush, Lud Capozzi and John Petrycki (48) and Frank Coppenbarger, Johns and Merry Wagner (49), shot in the 40s.

Summer treats inspire lessons for youth at OCIS STEM camp

Saltwater taffy, ice cream, mini golf expand skills

OCEAN CITY — Ice cream, saltwater taffy and mini golf are staples of summer, but Ocean City Intermediate School (OCIS) students saw them in a whole new light during a recent camp program.

Students in the OCIS Gifted and Talented program visited local businesses for experiences that expanded their knowledge of STEM (science, technology, engineering and math).

The 21st Century Gifted and Talented STEM day camp sessions were led by Ocean City School District teachers Abigail Handshaw (OCIS), Maura Cook (Ocean City High School) and Deepa McCabe (Ocean City Primary School).

“We are thrilled our students were able to dive deeper into their love of STEM through this valuable program,” Superintendent Christian Angelillo said. “We appreciate our local businesses for teaching the students the importance of community as well as encouraging their passion for learning.”

During the first week of camp, students in fifth and sixth grades explored STEM through summer treats. Employees at George’s Candies shared their ice cream-making expertise with the students, teaching them the intricate chemistry that is used to form the sweet treat.

The students learned how cream, sugar and stabilizers interact to create smooth textures, and how freezing techniques affect crystal formation.

They also saw how mixing and freezing work together to transform simple ingredients into creamy delights.

Shriver’s Saltwater Taffy and Fudge donated saltwater taffy kits the students used to build taffy towers.

As they stretched the sticky candy into architectural wonders, they applied engineering principles such as structural stability, balance and tension while discovering how material properties influence design.

In the second week, seventh- and eighth-graders were invited to Congo

Falls Adventure Golf to learn how science, technology, engineering and math are used to design creative mini golf courses. After receiving insight from the experts about construction and enjoying lunch at Prep’s Pizza, the students headed back to the wood shop at OCIS to build courses with unique obstacles.

Using coding kits, they engineered moving parts that brought their designs to life, applying programming skills to control motion and timing. The STEM camp culminated with a thrilling competition in which students showcased their creative courses and celebrated their innovation and teamwork.

“Using summer treats for fun, hands-on lessons makes education exciting and entertaining,” said Matthew Engle, principal at OCIS. “Through this program, our students are discovering important STEM knowledge while enjoying all the season of-fers.”

Visit ocsdnj.org for more about Ocean City School District.

OBITUARIES



ANN COGHLAN STOWE, 78

Ann Coghlan Stowe, 78, of Newtown Square, PA and Ocean City, NJ passed away on August 3rd, 2025 from complications of acute myloid leukemia. Ann was born in the city of

Philadelphia and was the daughter of Dr. William Patrick Coghlan and Patricia Matthews Coghlan.

Ann had a life-long commitment as a nurse-educator and began her career working as a neurology clinical staff specialist at Women’s Medical College of Pennsylvania (MCP) after receiving degrees from Thomas Jefferson University and the University of Pennsylvania.

In 1984 Ann began a 30 year career at West Chester University, concurrently earning her Ph.D. from Widener University, and chairing the WCU Department of Nursing for 15 years before retiring with emeritus distinction.

For many years Ann enjoyed spending her winter academic breaks windsurfing in Aruba with Peter, her husband of 40 years, and sailing with family and friends in Ocean City during the summer months. One of Ann’s fond memories was being sent up in a Soviet-era jet fighter for

40 minutes of maneuvers at 8,000 feet above central New Jersey.

In addition to her loving husband Peter, Ann is survived by her three younger brothers, Dr. William Patrick Coghlan, Jr. (Edith), and Kevin Coghlan (Jisen) of Boise Idaho, and Matthew Coghlan (Carol) of Pittsburgh, along with eight nieces and nephews.

Vitiation will be held on Friday, August 8th from 10:30 am until 12 noon followed by her Celebration of Life at The Godfrey Funeral Home of Palermo, 644 South Shore Road, Palermo, NJ. Burial will follow in Seaside Cemetery, Palermo, NJ.

Donations in Ann’s memory may be made to:

“Dr. Ann Coghlan Stowe and Mr. Peter Stowe Nursing Scholarship” West Chester University Foundation, 200 Carter Drive, West Chester, PA 19382

For condolences to the family, visit www.godfrey-funeralhome.com.

Nature Talks

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three times a day, through most of the season.

We also catch about 3,000 monarchs each fall, collecting information about their general condition and fitness, and marking each with a small alphanumeric sticker.

Over the years, close to 100 monarchs tagged in Cape May have been recovered at the famed wintering sites in Mexico.

And now, futuristic devices developed by our friends at Rio Grande-based Cellular Tracking Technologies, part of the new Project Monarch initiative, are allowing us to learn even more about the movements of this species at a far finer and more detailed scale than ever imagined before. Again, the Cape May influence is everywhere.

Finally, come October, it’s time to track the year’s seabird migration. We head north up the parkway to conduct this work, setting up shop on the beach at Avalon’s north end.

There, the aptly named Avalon Seawatch operates every day from dawn to dusk, collecting data on some 75 species of waterbirds until Dec. 22. A good season here produces more than a million birds, and it can be argued that the north end of Avalon is the best overall location to watch waterbird migration

on the Eastern Seaboard.

As many know, the Cape May experience is far from a summer-only affair, and it’s safe to say that birding and ecotourism are increasingly major players in our ever-lengthening shoulder seasons.

An estimated 100 million Americans now consider themselves as at least casual birdwatchers, and it’s projected that they are spending \$108 billion each year on related goods and services.

Without a doubt, an increasingly large segment of that amount is spent at hotels, restaurants, bars, delis, marinas and any place that sells khaki clothes right here in Cape May.

So, no, you don’t have to abandon summer just yet. But for my colleagues and I, it’s fall.

When you’re ready for it to be fall, consider a visit to the bird observatory’s Northwood Center in Cape May Point, or spend an hour on the hawkwatch platform. Folks travel from all over the world to get to these places; what’s a 10-minute drive?

Tom Reed is a lifelong Cape May County resident. He directs the migration monitoring projects of New Jersey Audubon’s Cape May Bird Observatory and serves as the avian naturalist with the Cape May Whale Watch & Research Center.

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NORTH CAPE MAY — The 1928 historic oyster schooner A.J. Meerwald has returned to the Cape May area after sailing up the coast of and providing public sails and educational programming in Toms River, New York Harbor and Sandy Hook Bay.

She will sail again from the Cape May Ferry Terminal in partnership with the Delaware River & Bay Authority. Public sails and Family Educational sails will be offered through Sept. 21.

The two-hour afternoon and evening sails will cruise along the scenic Delaware Bay, with views of the Cape May Light-house.

Sails will head out the Cape May Canal into the bay and head east to the light-house and/or west toward West Cape Bay.

The public should be able to see the ship sail by from beaches in West Cape May. Tickets are \$50 per person. Passengers should plan to walk several hundred feet to board the vessel and climb up and down a series of stairs.

Environmental Educational sails designed for children and guardians are scheduled for 11 a.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays. Children's tickets are \$25 and adults are \$50. Recommended for children ages 5 and older. The sails feature fish identification, trawling and additional education stations. All passengers are welcome to bring their own snacks and beverages aboard for the sail. The current sailing schedule and tickets can be found at bayshorecenter.org.

"Sailing aboard A.J. Meerwald from the ferry terminal in Cape May is a unique opportunity to sail out on the Delaware Bay, surrounded by sea life. This is what the Meerwald was built for — oystering in our local waters in the late 1920s and harvesting oysters that traveled all the way



across the country. Together with DRBA, we look forward to offering visitors the opportunity to connect to our local history and learn more about oystering on the Delaware Bay," Executive Director Jessica Yorke said.

"We're pleased to once again host New Jersey's Tall Ship A.J. Meerwald," said Heath Gehrke, director of Ferry Operations. "It's such an awesome experience to sail the Delaware Bay aboard the A.J. Meerwald, imagining what it would be like to work on the vessel in the 1930s. What a great opportunity to enjoy this hands-on experience while learning about our rich local history on the Delaware Bay."

The 2025 sailing season began in April. Since then, the ship has sailed from her home port at the Bayshore Center at Bivalve in Port Norris north up the Delaware River to Trenton; south to Norfolk, Va.; then north to the Cape May area to kick off the season in June and early July.

Stops then included Toms River, Atlantic Highlands and Liberty State Park in Jersey City. Following her time in the Cape May area, she will sail to Philadelphia, and then points south in the Chesapeake Bay this fall.

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Authorities raid O.C. home in child exploitation probe

OCEAN CITY — Authorities seized telephones and computers from a home on the 800 block of Asbury Avenue as part of an investigation into child exploitation.

Cape May County Prosecutor Jeffrey H. Sutherland and Ocean City Police Chief William Campbell stated that the Prosecutor's Office, Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force and the Ocean City Police Department executed a search warrant July 29.

According to a news release, the warrant stemmed from a National Center for Missing and Exploited Children cyber-tip that revealed unidentified subjects had downloaded and shared various images of child sexual abuse material.

The search warrant was executed by members of the Cape May County Regional SWAT Team, the Prosecutor's Office, ICAC, OCPD and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Investigations. Multiple cellular devices, including tele-

State provides county \$3M. in infrastructure aid for '26

TRENTON — The administration of Gov. Phil Murphy announced Monday the release of \$150 million in fiscal year 2026 county aid to fund infrastructure improvements on the local level.

Engineer Robert Church said the county designates 10 road and/or bridge projects as a selection list to the state as part of the process to potentially fund every year. The program is funded through the New Jersey Transportation Trust Fund.

"Keeping our transportation infrastructure safe and reliable is among my administration's top priorities," Murphy stated in a news release. "These improvements will further our effort to make New Jersey's roads safer for every resident, in every community."

Van Drew

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May's sanitary sewer infrastructure

"Van Drew had the chance to secure these investments, and he said no," Reese said. "He voted against the very projects that would have made our coastline stronger and our communities safer."

The congressman said his record speaks for itself.

"We've delivered record federal dollars for our shore communities in the past. Since 2022, I have personally secured \$39 million in replenishment funds for Long Beach Island, \$24 million for Avalon and Stone Harbor, \$12.5 million for Brigantine, among many other projects," Van Drew said. "Just this year, I secured \$16.5 million for resilience infrastructure on the Atlantic City beach, including funds to implement my hot spot erosion mitigation legislation to make beach replenishment more sustainable. I expect this success to continue into FY26."

Although Van Drew later voted for the broader Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, that law did not include specific, district-targeted earmarks like those he rejected, Reese said.

"To clarify, the INVEST Act was a partisan, Green New Deal infrastructure bill that never came close to becoming law. However, the Infrastructure Law did pass and has brought over \$800 million to New Jersey, including more than \$100 million specifically for beaches," Van Drew said. "That funding helped keep sand on our beaches for years. Although those funds have now been expended, we are actively working with the administration to find a new funding arrangement moving forward."

Reese claims what she called a pattern of symbolic support without concrete follow-through is part of a larger trend.

"He flip-flopped on off-shore drilling protections. He supported corporate subsidies while opposing the infrastructure our towns actually need. And now he's shrugging as shoreline protection is left to chance," Reese said.

Reese's plan to protect the shore includes restoring and safeguarding federal funding through the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and FEMA's Pre-disaster Mitigation Program, which have long supported beach replenishment and dune defense.

She also plans to push to create a permanent Coastal Resilience Fund, ensuring New Jersey's beach towns have reliable, year-

"The Murphy administration is committed to a safe and efficient transportation system that benefits everyone who is traveling in New Jersey — whether they are on a state highway or on county or municipal roads and bridges," Department of Transportation Commissioner Fran O'Connor said. "The millions of dollars in county aid provides funding to ensure our local infrastructure is maintained in a state of good repair without burdening local taxes."

The state's 21 counties will share a total of \$150 million, including \$3,123,009 for Cape May County, through the program that helps maintain roads and bridges under county jurisdiction in a state of good repair for the

thousands of motorists that count on them each day.

County aid funds are apportioned based on population and road mileage in each county, and each county selects the projects that receive funding. Counties are required to submit eligible projects, identified in the county's annual transportation program to the DOT for approval by Dec. 1.

Projects may be improvements to public roads and bridges under county jurisdiction or other transportation-related work.

Murphy signed into law a new schedule for county aid that requires the DOT to inform counties of their allotments for the current fiscal year by July 31 to help leaders better plan future projects.

the shoreline washes away," Reese said. "That's not leadership, it's negligence."

Van Drew said he always will support shore communities.

"No matter what, we always find a way to deliver for our coastal communities. I'm fully committed to ensuring our beach nourishment program continues and that our shoreline remains strong and protected," he said.

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Fri., August 8
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WELLNESS: Functional Foods: Chocolate, 1 pm
Trivia Night at the Library, 6:30 pm
Registration required.

Sat., August 9
Military Veterans Movies, 6:30 pm

Mon., August 11
Classic Film Night, 6 pm

Registration for virtual events is required by going to the events page.

FAMILY EVENTS

WEDNESDAY
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SEASHORE STORYTIME, 11 am, ages 4-5

THURSDAY
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Grants available for arts, history

CAPE MAY COURT HOUSE — The Cape May County Division of Culture & Heritage has announced that Letters of Intent are being accepted for the 2026 Art & History Regrant Program.

The funding opportunity is open to county nonprofit organizations seeking support for general operating expenses, special projects (such as a single event) or general programming (such as a series of events or activities) taking place in 2026.

Funding is made possible through partnerships with the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, the New Jersey Historical Commission and the Cape May County Board of County Commissioners.

Letters of Intent are due Sept. 5.; invitations to apply are expected to be sent shortly after review. Applications are due by Oct. 10.

Visit cmcculture.net for the Letter of Intent form and full grant guidelines. Call (609) 465-1066 or email culture@cape-maycountynj.gov for more information

Lunch & Learn: Tomato Talk

CAPE MAY COURT HOUSE — Rutgers Cooperative Extension (RCE) of Cape May County Family and Community Health Sciences (FCHS) Program will hold the virtual Lunch & Learn Program, Tomato Talk, from 12:30 to 1 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 7.

The presenter will be Anneliese Kuemmerle, MS, RDN, program associate II, FCHS, RCE, Cape May County. This presentation will examine the benefits of tomatoes, both classic and creative ways to use tomatoes in the kitchen, and science-based ways to preserve tomatoes.

The virtual Lunch & Learn Series provides viewers with health and wellness information during their lunch hour. Topics vary and allow participants a chance to grab a healthy half hour tidbit of wellness to carry throughout the day.

Please register in advance for Tomato Talk at: <https://go.rutgers.edu/o37mzr33>.

Tabernacle Baptist season services

OCEAN CITY — Tabernacle Baptist Church's monthly services are held every second Sunday at 4 p.m. The following is Tabernacle Baptist's worship services and fellowship activities for the remainder of 2025:

- 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 10, worship service
- 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 23, "Temple Stretch," Egoscue Method
- 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 14, worship service
- Noon Saturday, Oct. 11, BBQ Fundraiser
- 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 12, worship service
- 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 19, worship service
- 4 pm. Sunday, Dec. 14, worship service.

Mental health support groups

NAMI Connection is a free recovery support group for adults (18+) living with a mental health condition. Participants gain the support of peers who understand their experience and gain insight into others' challenges and successes. The group encour-

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The condo at 4923 Central Ave. features four bedrooms, two full bathrooms plus a powder room, as well as an open-concept floor plan that showcases a large, beautifully decorated living room and a stunning custom kitchen.

Special to the SENTINEL

HOUSE OF THE WEEK

Beachfront condo set in peaceful Southend neighborhood of O.C.

By **CRAIG D. SCHENCK**
Sentinel staff

OCEAN CITY — "This stunning second-floor home offers panoramic ocean views and luxury living at its finest," listing agent Kevin Halliday said of the beachfront condo at 4923 Central Ave.

Ocean City is one of the most popular shore resorts on the East Coast, featuring a 2.5-mile-long oceanfront boardwalk filled with hundreds of shopping, dining and entertainment venues, as well as miles and miles of pristine beaches. There also is an award-winning downtown business district centered on Asbury Avenue and a watersports district around Third Street on Bay Avenue.

A great location doesn't only mean beachfront or bayfront on this 8-mile-long island — there are 10 distinct neighborhoods, each with its own characteristics.

The Southend neighbor-

hood, from 34th to 59th streets, is narrow with fewer homes and businesses than the center of the island, which makes it the perfect getaway.

Everything needed for a beach vacation is located on the 34th Street business corridor or scattered throughout the neighborhood at mom-and-pop shops.

The Garden State Parkway provides access just across the bridge in Upper Township, so there is no need to schlep through downtown to get there, and all of the attractions that make Ocean City America's Greatest Family Resort are just a couple of miles away on foot or bicycle.

Looking for a more relaxing adventure? Corsons Inlet State Park is at the far southern part of the island, offering nature trails, fishing and



CRAIG SCHENCK



Left, the dining area is in the corner, just inside a large bay window with a half-circle accent window above. Right, the huge ocean front deck, perfect for soaking in picturesque sunrises or enjoying cocktails.

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boating.

The home features four bedrooms, two full bathrooms plus a powder room, as well as an open-concept floor plan that showcases a large, beautifully decorated living room and a stunning custom kitchen equipped with abundant cabinets, granite counters and high-end appliances.

A walkway leads down the north side to a sheltered stairwell ascending to the home.

The door opens into a crisp, clean living room with tile flooring and a peaked cathedral ceiling with skylights. Multiple beach-facing windows and a sliding glass door provide fantastic ocean views and abundant natural light, making it feel even more spacious.

"Enjoy the cathedral ceilings, fabulous ocean views

and direct access to your huge ocean front deck, perfect for soaking in picturesque sunrises or enjoying cocktails in the evenings," Halliday said.

The deck is equipped with a retractable awning and high-top seating, providing both sun or shade.

Back inside, a large sectional sofa is arranged around a gas fireplace with a stacked-stone face, wood mantel and large-screen television above. A cushy armchair provides additional seating.

The dining area is in the corner, just inside a large bay window with a half-circle accent window above. The long glass-topped wood table seats eight comfortably.

Additional seating is located

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at the center island that partially separates the dining area and kitchen, which has stainless steel appliances and a tile backsplash.

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A short flight of stairs rises to a hallway lit by another skylight leading to the bedrooms, hall bathroom and powder room.

The primary bedroom, which features a peaked cathedral ceiling and access to the street-side deck, offers a king-size bed and luxurious ensuite bathroom with all new tile and granite and

a double sink beneath a long mirror.

Another bedroom features a queen-size bed, while the third has twins and fourth a twin over a double bunk with a trundle. In all, the home sleeps 10 as currently arranged.

A laundry closet hidden behind double bi-fold doors holds a full-size washer and dryer and

shelving.

Out back, there is a small beach area on the street side of the bulkhead and stairs leading up and over it, providing access to the beach path.

Other amenities include a blue-tooth speaker system, remote-controlled ambience lighting in the kitchen, anti-microbial

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Summer reading finale in Sea Isle

ages empathy, productive discussion and a sense of community.

NAMI Family Support Group is a free peer-led group for family members, caregivers and loved ones (18+) of individuals living with a mental illness. Participants gain the support of peers who understand their experience and gain insight into others' challenges and successes.

Schedule:
— 7 to 8:30 p.m. Aug. 11, Sept. 8, Oct. 13, Nov. 10, Dec. 8, Family Support Group, St. Joseph Church, 606 Shore Road, Somers Point.
— 7 to 8:30 p.m. Aug. 11, Sept. 8, Oct. 13, Nov. 10, Dec. 8, Somers Point, Connections, St. Joseph Church, 606 Shore Road, Somers Point.
— 7 to 8:30 p.m. Aug. 28, Sept. 25, Oct. 23, Nov. 20, Dec. 18, Cape May County Library, Cape May Court House, Family Support Group.

SEA ISLE CITY – The Cape May County Library System Children's Department presents A Magical Summer Reading Finale. Summer Reading participants are invited to pick up their prizes as well as be present for a raffle drawing. Join the fun and watch a magic show, make a craft, play games, get a balloon animal, and more.

The program will be 10 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 13, in the Public Meeting Room at the Sea Isle City Library. Registration is not required so feel free to drop in. For more information, please contact the Children's Department at (609) 463-6350 ext.300 or children@cmclibrary.org.

Train, toy show set for Aug. 16

RIO GRANDE — The Rio Grande Fire Department has scheduled its annual Train and Toy Show for 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Aug. 14 at the firehouse at Routes 9 and 47.

Admission is \$3 per person, \$5 per family. Children younger than 14 are free. Food will be available.

Call (856) 296-9423 for more information.

Community Connection in Northfield Aug. 16

NORTHFIELD – The 10th annual Community Connection Event hosted by Grace Today Ministry will be noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 16, at London Square Mall, 201 Tilton Road, Northfield.

There will be free hot dogs, hamburgers and refreshments, free back-to-school supplies while supplies last, raffles and giveaways along with face painting and other activities.

The public is invited. For more information contact Pastor Marvin Graham at (609) 892-1727.

Last summer Book sale

OCEAN CITY – The Friends and Volunteers of the Ocean City Free Public Library is having its final book sale of the summer from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 15, and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 16, in the atrium of the library.

The sale offers fiction, non-fiction, hardback and paperback books for adults, children and young adults as well as puzzles, audio books, CDs and

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Designer house tour on Aug. 16

AVALON — Step inside 12 stunning homes across the 7-Mile Island during the 2025 Cooper Cape Designer House Tour, scheduled for 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 16.
The self-guided event offers visitors a unique opportunity to explore some of Avalon’s and Stone Harbor’s most beautifully designed homes while supporting the expansion of Cooper’s cancer services in Cape May County.

Tickets are available at the Avalon Chamber of Commerce (cash/check only) and at Avalon Elementary School starting at 9 a.m. on the day of the tour.

Organizers are seeking friendly, enthusiastic volunteers ages 18 and older to help greet guests, manage foot traffic and ensure a smooth, enjoyable experience. Shifts are 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. or 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. All volunteers receive a Cooper Foundation T-shirt and complimentary admission to the tour before or after their shift.

Email elk-tara@cooper-health.edu or lomax-sofia@cooperhealth.edu for more information.

Dimensions of Wellness workshop in Ocean City

OCEAN CITY – Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Cape May County Family and Community Health Sciences (FCHS) program is partnering with the Ocean City Free Public Library to present the workshop, The 8 Dimensions of Wellness: Intellectual Wellness, from noon to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 19.

The program, part of the new Lunch and Learn Series for the library running through November 2025, is offered both virtually and in-person at the library, 1735 Simpson Ave. The 8 Dimensions of Wellness will be presented by Chris Zellers, MPP, FCHS educator/assistant professor for Cape May County. “There are 8 components of Wellness defined by SAMHSA and this presentation will focus on intellectual wellness while suggesting ways to achieve better well-being,” Zellers

said.
The class is free but advance registration is requested. Register for the in person or virtual class at: <https://go.rutgers.edu/otpv930d>. For more information, please call (609) 465-5115, ext. 3609.

Friends of the Ocean City Pops annual luncheon

OCEAN CITY – “Celebrating the Golden Age of Music” is the theme of the Friends of the Ocean City Pops Annual Luncheon set for Thursday, Aug. 21, at the Flanders Hotel, 719 E. 11th St., Ocean City. Doors open at 11:30 a.m.

The event continues to celebrate the Pops Orchestra, the oldest municipal orchestra in the United States, and will feature local vocalist Sara Maimone accompanied by Pops’ Maestro Vince Lee who will perform highlights from the Rodgers and Hammerstein songbook.

Tickets are \$60 (includes parking) may be purchased at the Ocean City Music Pier before a Pops concert. For additional information, contact Linda Herbert at (609) 214-2135.

Vendors wanted for flea market

OCEAN CITY – Vendors are being sought for a flea market scheduled for 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 23, at Holy Trinity Church, 2998 Bay Ave., Ocean City.

The cost is \$25 for one parallel parking space or two perpendicular spaces.

Please request a registration form from htec-oceancity@gmail.com or call the office at (609) 399-1019. Spaces sell out so please make reservations early.

Functional Foods: Mushrooms

CAPE MAY COURT HOUSE — Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Cape May County Family and Community Health Sciences (FCHS) has scheduled Functional Foods: Mushrooms 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Aug. 26 at the Ocean City Free Public Library at 1735 Simpson Ave.

Anneliese Kuemmerle, Program Associate II for Cape May County, will teach the program. The class will increase participants’ knowledge about mushrooms, including historical, processing and preparation facts, as well as create an

understanding of the current research and health benefits of mushrooms and identify the recommendations for including mushrooms in a healthful plant-based diet.

The class is free but advance registration is requested at go.rutgers.edu/nn4dn2sr. Call (609) 465-5115, ext. 3609, for more information.

Lunch & Learn: Social Wellness

OCEAN CITY — Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Cape May County Family and Community Health Sciences (FCHS) program is partnering with the Ocean City Free Public Library to present the workshop The 8 Dimensions of Wellness: Social Wellness from noon to 1 p.m. Sept. 9.

The library is located in the Community Center at 1735 Simpson Ave.

The class, offered both live and virtual, is free but advanced registration is requested at go.rutgers.edu/ad9xltk9. Call (609) 465-5115, ext. 3609, for more information.

Lunch & Learn: An Apple a Day

CAPE MAY COURT HOUSE — Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Cape May County Family and Community Health Sciences Program has scheduled the virtual Lunch & Learn program, An Apple A Day, for 12:30 to 1 p.m. Sept. 11.

Presenter Anneliese Kuemmerle will highlight some of the health benefits of apples, classic and creative ways to eat them and science-based ways to store and preserve the fruit.

The virtual series provides viewers with health and wellness information during their lunch hour. Topics vary and allow participants a chance to grab a healthy half-hour tidbit of wellness to carry throughout the day.

Register in advance at go.rutgers.edu/lnun6viz.

Soropti-SMASH set for Sept. 13

WILDWOOD CREST — Soroptimist International of Cape May County has scheduled its 5th annual Soropti-SMASH Pickleball Fundraiser Event for Sept. 13 at the Wildwood Crest Pickleball Courts, 6301 Atlantic Ave. (rain date Sept. 14).

Registration is \$60 per team. All participants receive a commemorative

T-shirt and are invited to stay for the awards ceremony.

Since its inception, the Soropti-SMASH Pickleball Fundraiser Event has raised more than \$35,000.

Visit eventbrite.com SoroptiSMASH 5th Annual Pickleball Fundraiser to register. Email spashuck@hotmail.com for event sponsorship information.

St. John Craft Show, Bake Sale Sept. 13

OCEAN CITY – St. John Lutheran Church of Ocean City, at 10th Street and Central Avenue, will host its fourth annual Craft Show and Bake Sale 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 13.

This will be an indoor event. Visit stjohnlutheranoc.org or call (609) 399-0798 for more information.

Back Bay Cruise benefits Shore

ATLANTIC CITY — The Auxiliary of Shore Medical Center is hosting a Back Bay Cruise through Gardner’s Basin in Atlantic City from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Sept. 17.

Boat departs from 800 N. New Hampshire Ave. in Atlantic City. Cost per person is \$65, which includes light fare and a cash bar.

Call (609) 805-8777 for more information.

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or good friend is probably loved because of how kind and considerate they are toward us. Once we observe and recognize how many things our Heavenly Father does for us, we can begin to see how much He loves and cares for us. Each day God is reaching out to us with His love, and we must be aware of His presence in our lives. Once we recognize how much God loves us, God’s great commandment that we should love Him with all our heart, and with all our soul, and with all our mind, will become truly real in our lives. We love God because He first loved us.

“‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

-NIV Matthew 22:37-39

Zachary Fosbenner named to LeTourneau University Spring 2025 President’s List



LONGVIEW, Texas (June 23, 2025) - Zachary Fosbenner, an Engineering Technology major from Marmora, was named to the Spring 2025 President’s List at LeTourneau University in Longview, Texas. The President’s List recognizes students who have achieved a perfect 4.0 grade point average for the semester to receive this honor.

LeTourneau University President Dr. Steven D. Mason said being named to the President’s List is, indeed, a significant achievement and honor.

“As the comprehensive Christian polytechnic institution in the country, LeTourneau University attracts students who are among our nation’s best,” Mason said. “I’m especially impressed with these honor roll students, and I expect them to have a significant impact on our future.”



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9. Not young
12. Grandma
13. On the briny
14. Sorrow
15. Superior to
16. "____ Might Be Giants"
17. North-Pole helper
18. Aromatic herb
20. Strangely
22. Bro's sib
24. To's associate
25. Fine wool
29. Crack and roughen
33. Yuck!
34. Prize medal
36. Bother
37. Not shallow
39. More nutritious
41. Zeppelin
43. Affirmative vote
44. Record-album material

47. Oklahoma city
51. Bad humor
52. Prickly feeling
56. Window part
57. Boar's mate
58. Accurate
59. Send out
60. Carpenter or army
61. Ogler
62. Audition tape

DOWN

1. Snooty person
2. Volcano's output
3. Small bills
4. Church district
5. Club
6. Powdery residue
7. "Malcolm X" director
8. Municipal official
9. Was in the red
10. Lounge around
11. Resist openly
19. Succotash bean

21. Snow White's pal
23. Basted
24. Shuttle boat
25. Cow chow
26. Time period
27. "____ Stoops to Conquer"
28. Dashed
30. Exclamation
31. Beverage
32. Pea's envelope
35. Food plan
38. Fabric layer
40. Brought to pass
42. Upper crust
44. Travel document
45. Pumping ____
46. Certain amphibian
48. Margarita ingredient
49. Skinny
50. Low female voice
53. Endeavor
54. Stage signal
55. That woman

Sudoku

		9	5			4	6			3	
			7				1			5	
4			8				9	1		6	
				6			4			2	8
				5			2	4		9	
			4				8	6			
5			2	4	1						9
8				2		7					
				9	8			2	1	6	

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				1			5				
1			2			8					4
7	9						6				
			7						1		2
			8								
		1	2	5	3	4					

HOW TO PLAY:

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9 only once. Each 3x3 box is outlined with a darker line. You already have a few numbers to get you started. Remember: You must not repeat the numbers 1 through 9 in the same line, column, or 3x3 box.



Left, out back, there is a small beach area. Right, there's room for two cars on the concrete parking pad and another inside the garage

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switch plates, high speed (1,000 mps) internet for optimal streaming/working from home, and key-less entry.

There's room for two cars on the concrete parking pad and another inside the garage, which features an enclosed

shower for washing away beach sand before entering the home, which is vital in this area where street parking is limited. "Move in ready and packed with luxury upgrades, this beachfront home delivers the ultimate Ocean City life-style, close to great restaurants, shops and, of

course, endless beach fun," Halliday said.

The property is listed for \$3,499,999 with Kevin Halliday of Berger Realty. Call (609) 425-7423 or email keh@bergerrealty.com for more information or to set up an appointment to see this wonderful home.



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Walking Club back in action

OCEAN CITY – The Ocean City Walking Club is back in action this year and invites everybody to join weekly walks on the Ocean City Boardwalk on Friday mornings.

People of all ages and fitness levels are encouraged to meet outside the Ocean City Music Pier at 8 a.m. each Friday to walk the Boardwalk. The Ocean City Healthy Living Advisory Council created the group as a way for people to get healthy and meet new friends.

A round trip covering the length of the Boardwalk is (4.9 miles), but participants are welcome to stop at any point along the route.. The HLAC asks everybody to grab a coffee or water and "don't forget to bring your smile."

For more information, email recreation@ocnj.us.

Monthly Grief Support Group

OCEAN CITY – St. John Lutheran Church, Journey Hospice, and The Shores – a United Methodist Communities (UMC) Community – are partnering to offer a month-

ly Grief Support Group for adults who are navigating the difficult journey of loss.

The group provides a safe, welcoming and confidential space where individuals can come together to share their experiences, listen, and support one another. Whether someone has recently experienced a loss or is still processing grief from years past, all are welcome.

Meetings will be held in person on the second Wednesday of every month from 11 a.m. to noon at St. John Lutheran Church, 1001 Central Ave.

"Grief is a deeply personal experience, but it doesn't have to be experienced alone," group coordinators Beth Gebhart and Michele Musto said. "This group is about honoring each person's journey and finding hope in shared understanding."

The group is free and open to all adults, regardless of background or faith.

For more information, please contact Beth Gebhart, (609) 760-6073, bgebhart@lsmnj.org; or Michele Musto, (609) 391-6321, meroclan@umcommunities.org

Depression and Anxiety Group

ATLANTIC CITY – This weekly in-person support group is offered to individu-

als seeking coping strategies, mutual support, self-care, wellness, and recovery.

Meetings are led by peers who have lived experience with anxiety and/or depression. The group meets 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays at at the Atlantic Community Wellness Center, 1125 Atlantic Ave., Suite 617, Atlantic City. Offered by The Mental Health Association in Atlantic County. For more information, call (609) 652-3800 or email jgimbel@mhanj.org.

Monday Meditation & Stretching sessions

GALLOWAY – The Atlantic Community Wellness Center provides a weekly 15-to-20-minute meditation, follow-up discussion, and light stretch at 11:30 a.m. Mondays.

Newcomers and people with all levels of experience in meditation are welcome. No cost to participate. Provided by The Mental Health Association in Atlantic County, 4 E. Jimmie Leeds Road, Suite 8, Galloway. For more information, call (609) 652-3800 or email jgimbel@mhanj.org.

Reduce stress with Coffee Talk

ATLANTIC CITY – The Atlantic Community Wellness Centers hosts a weekly gratitude-themed group at 11 a.m. Saturdays. Called "Coffee Talk," the group is a one-hour meeting during which participants discuss, enhance, and deepen their practice of gratitude, which is shown to reduce stress, improve mood, and increase optimism.

Meets weekly at the Atlantic Community Wellness Center, 1125 Atlantic Ave., Suite 617, Atlantic City. Coffee is provided at no cost; pastries/snacks are provided once a month. For more information, call (609) 652-3800 or email jgimbel@mhanj.org.

Too Much Stuff group meets

Atlantic City – Twice monthly, a group is offered to individuals who live with clutter challenges and "too much stuff." Strategies, education, support, goal-setting, and other related topics will be covered.

There is no cost to participants. Meetings are at noon the first and third Saturdays of each month at the Atlantic Wellness Center, 1125 Atlantic Ave., Suite 617, Atlantic City. Offered by The Mental Health Association in Atlantic County. Call (609) 652-3800 or jgimbel@mhanj.org. *Upcoming dates are May 3, May 17.

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